IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ishwara A. Bhat

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Enhanced Operational Control

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed 07/25/2006, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.